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## STM and RDA sign up formally to deeper collaboration

As part of STM's continued commitment to boost the effective sharing of research data, it was announced today that it had deepened its collaboration with the [Research Data Alliance](#) (RDA) – a community-driven initiative launched in 2013 which aims to build the social and technical infrastructure to enable open sharing and the re-use of data. A joint letter of intent was signed by STM's CEO Ian Moss and RDA's Secretary General Hilary Hanahoe at an online ceremony on the 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Data sharing plays a vital role in ensuring research reproducibility and of preserving the integrity of the scholarly record. Good data practices improve the availability, discoverability and re-usability of research, whilst help aide the ongoing development of Open Science.

As part of STM's [Research Data Year](#) the partnership aims to promote the uptake of standards and recommended practices that have been develop within and by RDA. The two organisations pledged to intensify their collaboration on:

- Promoting the adoption of [Data Availability Statements](#) (DASs) by academic journals as recommended by the RDA Interest Group on Data Policy Standardisation and implementation
- Increasing the uptake of [SCHOLIX](#), the universal reference model for linking data and publications which was developed by the RDA / WDS Publishing Data Services Working Group
- Raising the consciousness of the [data citation principles](#) as recommended by RDA, DataCite and FORCE11

- Increase the awareness for RDA's [COVID-19 Research Data Recommendation and Guidelines](#)
- Further socialising the [TRUST Principles](#) for digital repositories as produced by the RDA / WDS Certification of Digital Repositories

In addition, STM and RDA have agreed to share and exchange their expertise and experiences on FAIR research data sharing and will assist each other in relevant working groups, interest groups, steering committees, advisory boards and at workshops, seminars, events and conferences.

Speaking of the announcement Hilary Hanahoe, Secretary General of RDA said: "Publishers are a very important stakeholder for the Research Data Alliance and the open involvement of publishers in this global initiative is fundamental. Publishers have a major influence on the behaviour of researchers and data stewards and by working together we are succeeding in identifying concrete solutions for global Open Science, open research, research data management. It is a great honour, on behalf of the Research Data Alliance, to strengthen, even further, the collaboration between RDA and STM."

STM's CEO Ian Moss added: "We're delighted to be strengthening our ties to the Research Data Alliance. As an RDA Organisational Member, STM is well positioned to ensure that our publisher member organisations are encouraging their academic authors to share, link and cite research data alongside their publications. Through the amplification of research data sharing, both STM and RDA can help ensure the long-term integrity of research, as well as demonstrate the continued widening of publisher support for Open Science."

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## **Notes to Editors**

### About STM

At STM we support our members in their mission to advance research worldwide. Our 150 members based in over 20 countries around the world collectively publish 66% of all journal articles and tens of thousands of monographs and reference works. As academic and professional publishers, learned societies, university presses, start-ups and established players we work together to serve society by developing standards and technology to ensure research is of high quality, trustworthy and easy to access. We promote the contribution that publishers make to innovation, openness and the sharing of knowledge and embrace change to support the growth and sustainability of the research ecosystem. As a common good, we provide data and analysis for all involved in the global activity of research.

## About RDA

The Research Data Alliance (RDA) was launched as a community-driven initiative in 2013 by the European Commission, the United States Government's National Science Foundation and National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the Australian Government's Department of Innovation with the goal of building the social and technical infrastructure to enable open sharing and re-use of data.

RDA has a grassroots, inclusive approach covering all data lifecycle stages, engaging data producers, users and stewards, addressing data exchange, processing, and storage. It has succeeded in creating the neutral social platform where international research data experts meet to exchange views and to agree on topics including social hurdles on data sharing, education and training challenges, data management plans and certification of data repositories, disciplinary and interdisciplinary interoperability, as well as technological aspects.

The RDA Vision: Researchers and innovators openly share data across technologies, disciplines, and countries to address the grand challenges of society.

The RDA Mission: RDA builds the social and technical bridges that enable open sharing and re-use of data.



### Participating members

